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Subject:Tow companies re: Coutts border: take off our "list", extra compensation, etc

Sirs,

I apologize for the delay on this.

I have confirmed the answer I gave to C/Supt. Rupa this morning: our people phoning the tow companies did not try to convince companies to comply, by stating they might be "taken off our list". Good reasons why, below:

Take off our list:

My people feel strongly this would have had zero good effect, only negatives. Those unwilling to help due to "alignment" with the truckers would be unmoved and likely exploit the "threats" by the RCMP, and those who were too scared to help us would simply have more stress piled onto them.

***Illustrative is one case, **Personal Info.** area (who is regularly used/MOU with the detachment); **Per** refused to help. Unclear if due to agreement with the blockade, or fear. Apparently word got around that **Per** had refused to help the RCMP, and they suddenly received a "donation" to cover the lost business, and online support, stating they made the right choice...

Threats:

My people making the calls also did not hear any "threats" in the clear criminal sense, but it was generalized fear...loss of business, being doxxed or harassed online, even vandalism. There have been many generalized threats online to the effect "If we see any tow trucks, make a list so we can wreck their business (or to that overall effect)..."

Extra money, i.e. pay them more:

Per my answer to Nina earlier, same effect as "take off our list"; we feel it would have zero effect.

Subject to questions, that's what I can offer. We have shared this info with the GIS South investigator looking at the tow situation overall.

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